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***BARRAGA: NEWS FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT***  
**BARRAGA HELPS RING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) joined in the holiday festivities at the 40<sup>TH</sup> Festival of Lights recently held in West Islip.

The annual event was a collaboration of the West Islip American Legion Post No. 1738, the West Islip Chamber of Commerce, West Islip Fire Departmentt and local school and community groups.

The Legislator had the pleasure of authoring and delivering the acrostic below:

**WEST ISLIP UNITED**

**WE** IN WEST ISLIP GATHER DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON TO CELEBRATE AND  
**ENJOY** THE MANY GIFTS BESTOWED ON US BY OUR CREATOR  
**SO** THAT WE CAN BE UNITED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
**TOGETHER** IN THE DESIRE FOR PEACE AND COMPASSION IN THE WORLD

**IN** CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY SEASON WE  
**SING** THE JOYS AND RECITE THE PRAYERS OF HOPE AND BROTHERLY LOVE  
**LETTING** OUR VOICES BE HEARD BY THOSE WHO NEED LOVE AND COMPASSION  
**IN** A TIME WHEN THE SOULS OF HUMAN KIND SEEK TRANQUILITY AND  
FORGIVENESS  
**PRAISE** ALL AROUND YOU ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN OF WEST ISLIP FOR THEY  
ARE THE ONES

**UNITED** IN SPIRIT AND FILLED WITH THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE  
**NOW** IS THE SEASON FOR FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE  
**INDELIBLY** SPELLED OUT IN SCRIPTURE AND PSALM  
**TOGETHER** WE IN WEST ISLIP UNITED AND STRONG OF HEART  
**ENJOY** THE GIFTS OF THE SEASON BY SPREADING  
**DEVOTION** AND LOVE TO EACH OTHER AND PRAISE TO GOD THE ALMIGHTY